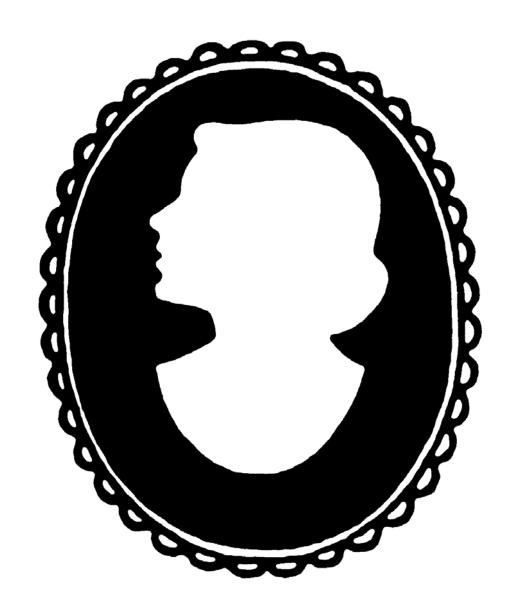
Ms. Senior District of Columbia Pageant 2006



Application Form

# Ms. Senior D. C. Pageant

The Ms. Senior District of Columbia Pageant is an annual event that honors District women 60 years of age or older, who have reached "the age of elegance." The Pageant, sponsored by the D.C. Senior America Cameo Club, Family and Child Service of Washington, D.C., Inc. and the D.C. Office On Aging, is a search for the gracious older woman who best exemplifies the dignity, maturity, and inner beauty of Senior Americans.

The Ms. Senior District of Columbia Pageant is one of hundreds of auditions, run-offs and pageants that will take place all over the United States, prior to the Ms. Senior America Pageant. The Ms. Senior America organizers believe, as we do, that seniors are the foundation of America, and one of our most valuable resources.

The citywide pageant is held in the spring of each year. It is open to all women in the District of Columbia 60 years of age or older. Ms. Senior District of Columbia is selected from the pageant participants. Each woman may be nominated by a group, organization or by herself.

Ms. Senior District of Columbia will be that essential woman, 60 years of age or older, who defies myths of aging. She will have a positive outlook on life and be an active, vital part of her community. Ms. Senior District of Columbia inspires others with her mental and physical enthusiasm. The woman who represents the District of Columbia in the Ms. Senior America Pageant will be that confident, poised, and talented woman who reflects the inner beauty and elegant style of the District's senior woman.





# Ms. Senior D.C. Pageant

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## Criteria for Participating in the Citywide Ms. Senior D.C. Pageant

- 1. All contestants must be 60 years of age of older.
- 2. All contestants must be residents of the District of Columbia.
- 3. Former Ms. Senior D.C.s and Ms. Senior Americas are ineligible.
- 4. All contestants must have an interview prior to the citywide event. The judges will look for women with charm, personality and conversational ability.

  (Time limit: 3 minutes)
- 5. All contestants must make a talent presentation. The talent presentation may represent any form of human endeavor the arts, music, homemaking, literature, etc. and demonstrate that this gift does not diminish with age. (Time limit: 2:45 minutes)
- 6. All contestants must present a statement that conveys her philosophy of life. (Time limit: 35 seconds)
- 7. In eveningwear, contestants must demonstrate poise, grace, style and elegance.
- 8. Judging is based on the results of an interview, a talent presentation, formal wear competition, and an assessment of the candidate's philosophy of life, which reflects her inner beauty.



Age Of Elegance



#### Ms. Senior District of Columbia Pageant Judging Procedures

Each Ms. Senior District of Columbia Pageant Contestant is a winner. In order to choose which elegant lady will wear the crown, impartial judges are chosen by the pageant committee. These judges select Ms. Senior D.C. by using criteria established by Senior America, Inc. The criteria are as follows:

#### The Interview

One of the most important aspects of the Pageant is for all judges to have an opportunity to meet with each contestant individually. It is during this personal interview that the judges have an opportunity to select the woman whose charm, personality and conversational ability will best represent the District of Columbia at the Ms. Senior America Pageant.

#### **Inner Beauty**

The Ms. Senior District of Columbia Pageant recognizes that every contestant has physical beauty. The pageant seeks to emphasize that true beauty is a matter of insight as well as eyesight. Each contestant is given the opportunity to present a statement which conveys her "philosophy of life," thereby giving the judges a window into her soul where her true beauty lies.

#### **Talent**

The talent presentation is an integral part of the Ms. Senior District of Columbia Pageant. It is designed to encourage talent from music, to arts, to homemaking and demonstrate that this gift does not diminish with age.

#### **Evening Gown**

It is the philosophy of the pageant that the clothes do not make the woman, but rather it is the woman who makes the clothes. During this event, the judges will seek the contestant whose poise and grace display not only her clothes style, but also her lifestyle.





### Ms. Senior D.C. Pageant

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#### **CONTESTANT APPLICATION**

CONTESTANT #	TALENT #
NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
TELEPHONE #:	WARD:
PHYSICAL STATURE: HEIGH	TT: EYES:
HAIR (	COLOR:
HOBBIES:	
·	CHILDREN # GRANDCHILDREN
TALENT PRESENTATION: (2 M	# GREAT GRANDCHILDREN MINUTES 45 SECONDS)
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#### CONTESTANT APPLICATION CONT...

TALENT PRESENTATION (2 MINUTES 45 SECONDS)		
	OR PRESENTATION:	
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PROPS (PROVIDED	BY THE CONTESTANT):	
DISPLAY REQUIRE	MENTS (TABLES, ETC.):	
SPONSOR:		
ADDRESS:		
HOBBIES:		
Phone:	AUTHORIZED:	
MAIL APPLICATION	N TO:	

Gwendolyn J. Moseley Coleman Ms. Senior D.C. Pageant Chair FCS/Retired and Senior Volunteer Program 929 L Street, Northwest Washington, D.C. 20001

Please return application by April 30<sup>th</sup>



